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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I (claims 1 and 14 drawn to nucleic acid and a host cell).

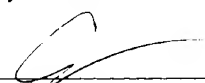
The Examiner is urged to withdraw the restriction requirement/election because the subject claims relate to PEM nucleic acids (and the encoded polypeptides thereof) and methods of using the nucleic acids. Further, a search and examination of the full scope of the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner, and such a restriction/election made by the Examiner would result in Applicants filing numerous applications to obtain patent protection for the claimed invention.

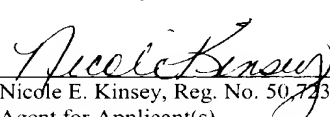
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